

# A Booklist Especially for... 4th Grade Boys



## **Science Fair**

Barry, Dave

Call Letters: F Ba Pgs: 394 Lexile: 0

The president of Kprshtskan is plotting to infiltrate the science fair at Hubble Middle School in Maryland in order to take over the United States government, but when Toby Harbinger, an ordinary student, makes up his mind finally to win the fair, the terrorists' plans go awry.



## **Rotten School: The Great Smelling Bee (series)**

Stine, R.L.

Call Letters: F St Pgs: 108 Lexile: 440

In order to hide a bulldog in his no-pets-allowed dorm, scheming fourth-grader Bernie Bridges enrolls his pet as a transfer student.

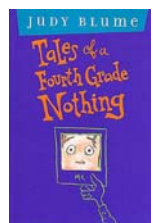


## **Sideways Stories from Wayside School (series)**

Sachar, Louis

Call Letters: F Sa Pgs: 124 Lexile: 460

Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.



## **Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing (series)**

Blume, Judy

Call Letters: F Bl Pgs: 120 Lexile: 470

Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem.



## **Chet Gecko: This Gum for Hire (series)**

Hale, Bruce

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 115 Lexile: 480

To save his own skin, private eye Chet Gecko sets out to solve the mystery of Emerson Hicky Elementary School's disappearing football players.



## **Good Dog**

Avi

Call Letters: F Av Pgs: 243 Lexile: 480

McKinley, a malamute, is torn between the domestic world of his human family and the wild world of Lupin, a wolf that is trying to recruit dogs to replenish the dwindling wolf pack.

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JERRY SPINELLI



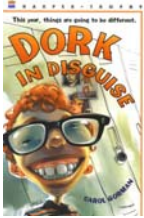
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## **Smiles to Go**

Spinelli, Jerry

Call Letters: F Sp Pgs: 248 Lexile: 490

Will Tupponce's life has always been ruled by science and common sense but in 9th grade, shaken up by the discovery that protons decay, he begins to see the entire world differently and gains new perspective on his relationships with his little sister and two closest friends.

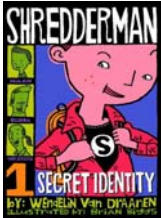


## **Dork in Disguise**

Gorman, Carol

Call Letters: F Go Pgs: 164 Lexile: 510

Starting middle school in a new town, brainy Jerry Flack changes his image from "dork" to "cool kid," only to discover that he'd rather be himself.

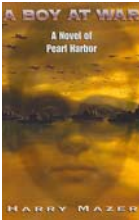


## **Secret Identity (Book 1: Shredderman)**

Van Draanen, Wendelin

Call Letters: F Va Pgs: 138 Lexile: 520

Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity--Shredderman!



## **Boy at War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor**

Mazer, Harry

Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 104 Lexile: 530

While fishing with his friends off Honolulu on December 7, 1941, teenaged Adam is caught in the midst of the Japanese attack and through the chaos of the subsequent days tries to find his father, a naval officer who was serving on the U.S.S. Arizona when the bombs fell.

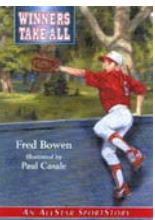


## **Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective (series)**

Sobol, Donald

Call Letters: F So Pgs: 88 Lexile: 560

Fifth grader Leroy Brown solves ten mysteries and, by putting the solutions at the back of the book, challenges the reader to do the same.



## **Winners Take All**

Bowen, Fred

Call Letters: F Bo Pgs: 104 Lexile: 560

When Kyle fakes a catch, his baseball team goes on to win the league championship but Kyle doesn't feel good about winning by cheating.

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## **Crash**

Spinelli, Jerry

Call Letters: F Sp Pgs: 162 Lexile: 560

Seventh-grader John "Crash" Coogan has always been comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior, until his relationship with an unusual Quaker boy and his grandfather's stroke make him consider the meaning of friendship and the importance of family.



## **Babe & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure (series)**

Gutman, Dan

Call Letters: F Gu Pgs: 161 Lexile: 600

With their ability to travel through time using vintage baseball cards, Joe and his father have the opportunity to find out whether Babe Ruth really did call his shot when he hit that home run in the third game of the 1932 World Series against the Chicago Cubs.



## **Eleven**

Giff, Patricia Reilly

Call Letters: F Gi Pgs: 164 Lexile: 600

When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past, and, with the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered.



## **Year Mom Won the Pennant (Matt Christopher series)**

Christopher, Matt

Call Letters: F Ch Pgs: 129 Lexile: 610

The boys are all hesitant when one boy's mother is the only parent who volunteers to coach their Little League team, but there is quite a surprise in store for them.

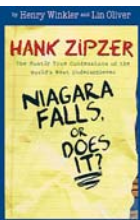


## **Nightmare at the Book Fair**

Gutman, Dan

Call Letters: F Gu Pgs: 230 Lexile: 610

On his way to lacrosse tryouts, the president of the PTA asks Trip Dinkelman to help her with the book fair, resulting in Trip sustaining a head injury which causes him temporary amnesia and makes for an interesting journey home.



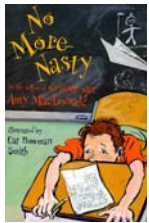
## **Niagara Falls, Or Does It? (Book 1: Hank Zipzer)**

Winkler, Henry

Call Letters: F Wi Pgs: 133 Lexile: 610

When Hank Zipzer has to write an essay on what he did over the summer, he decides instead to "show" what he did.

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## ***No More Nasty***

MacDonad, Amy

Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 171 Lexile: 610

When Simon's Great Aunt Matilda becomes the substitute teacher for his unruly fifth-grade class, her unique way of looking at things gives the students a new perspective on learning.



## ***Gregor the Overlander***

Collins, Suzanne

Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 311 Lexile: 630

eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving humans, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.



## ***Cirque Du Freak (series)***

Shan, Darren

Call Letters: F Sh Pgs: 266 Lexile: 650

Two boys who are best friends visit an illegal freak show, where an encounter with a vampire and a deadly spider forces them to make life-changing choices.



## ***Mysterious Matter of I.M. Fine***

Stanley, Diane

Call Letters: F St Pgs: 201 Lexile: 650

Noticing that a popular series of horror novels is having a bizarre effect on the behavior of its readers, Franny and Beamer set out to find the mysterious author.



## ***Loser***

Spinelli, Jerry

Call Letters: F Sp Pgs: 218 Lexile: 650

Even though his classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Daniel Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.



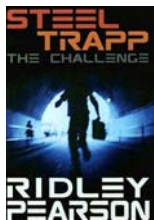
## ***Rowan of Rin (series)***

Rodda, Emily

Call Letters: F Ro Pgs: 151 Lexile: 660

Because only he can read the magical map, young, weak and timid Rowan joins six other villagers to climb a mountain and try to restore their water supply, as fears of a dragon and other horrors threaten to drive them back.

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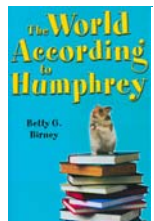


## ***Steel Trapp: The Challenge***

Pearson, Ridley

Call Letters: F Pe Pgs: 324 Lexile: 660

On a two-day train trip to enter his invention in the National Science Competition in Washington, D.C., fourteen-year-old Steven "Steel" Trapp, possessor of a remarkable photographic memory, becomes embroiled in an international plot of kidnapping and bribery that may have links to terrorists.

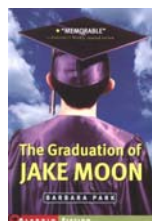


## ***World According to Humphrey***

Birney, Betty

Call Letters: F Bi Pgs: 124 Lexile: 670

Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher.



## ***Graduation of Jake Moon***

Park, Barbara

Call Letters: F Pa Pgs: 115 Lexile: 680

Fourteen-year-old Jake recalls how he has spent the last four years of his life watching his grandfather descend slowly but surely into the horrors of Alzheimer's disease.

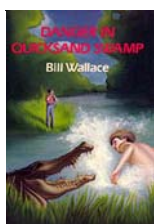


## ***Million Dollar Shot (Million Dollar series)***

Gutman, Dan

Call Letters: F Gu Pgs: 114 Lexile: 680

Eleven-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals.



## ***Danger in Quicksand Swamp***

Wallace, Bill

Call Letters: F Wa Pgs: 181 Lexile: 680

Ben and Jake battle alligators, quicksand, and a murderer when they search for buried treasure on an island in a swamp.



## ***Honus & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure (series)***

Gutman, Dan

Call Letters: F Gu Pgs: 140 Lexile: 690

Joey, who loves baseball but is not very good at it, finds a valuable 1909 Honus Wagner card and travels back in time to meet Honus.

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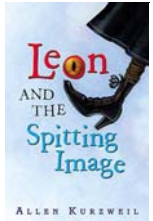


## ***Runt***

Bauer, Marion Dane

Call Letters: F Ba Pgs: 138 Lexile: 690

Runt, the smallest wolf cub in the litter, seeks to prove himself to his father King and the rest of the pack and to earn a new name.



## ***Leon and the Spitting Image***

Kurzweil, Allen

Call Letters: F Ku Pgs: 301 Lexile: 690

Leon, a fourth grader at The Ethical School, tries to outwit the school bully and learn to sew for fanatical teacher Miss Cronheim, with unexpected help from his final project-- a doll with magical powers.



## ***Six Innings***

Preller, James

Call Letters: F Pr Pgs: 147 Lexile: 690

Earl Grubb's Pool Supplies plays Northeast Gas & Electric in the Little League championship game, while Sam, who has cancer and is in a wheelchair, has to call the play-by-play instead of participating in the game.

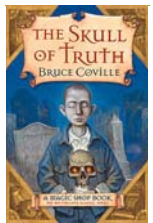


## ***Wolf Stalker (National Geographic Mysteries)***

Skurzynski, Gloria

Call Letters: F Sk Pgs: 147 Lexile: 700

Twelve-year-old Jack, his younger sister, and the family's teenage foster child Troy go to Yellowstone National Park, where Jack's mother, a wildlife veterinarian, is investigating the report that wolves reintroduced to the park have killed a dog there.

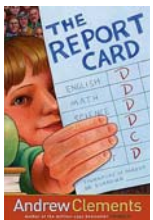


## ***Skull of Truth***

Coville, Bruce

Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 195 Lexile: 700

Charlie, a sixth-grader with a compulsion to tell lies, acquires a mysterious skull that forces its owner to tell only the truth, causing some awkward moments before he understands its power.



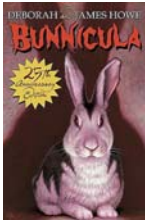
## ***Report Card***

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 173 Lexile: 700

Fifth-grader Nora Rowley has always hidden the fact that she is a genius from everyone because all she wants is to be normal, but when she comes up with a plan to prove that grades are not important, things begin to get out of control.

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## ***Bunnacula***

Howe, James

Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 92 Lexile: 700

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their founding baby bunny must be a vampire.



## ***Airball: My Life in Briefs***

Harkrader, Lisa

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 208 Lexile: 700

Kirby Nickel loves basketball. He loves watching basketball. He loves talking about basketball. The only problem is he can't play basketball. But coach has a plan for Kirby and the supremely untalented seventh-grade team. It involves the guys playing only in their briefs. Maybe the sportswear will really inspire the team. And maybe Kirby will find out who his real father is.



## ***Go Big or Go Home***

Hobbs, Will

Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 185 Lexile: 700

Fourteen-year-old Brady and his cousin Quinn love extreme sports, but nothing could prepare them for the aftermath of Brady's close encounter with a meteorite after it crashes into his Black Hills, South Dakota, bedroom.



## ***Dragon of Lonely Island***

Rupp, Rebecca

Call Letters: F Ru Pgs: 160 Lexile: 710

Three children spend the summer with their mother on a secluded island where they discover a three-headed dragon living in a cave and learn what it means to be a dragon friend.



## ***Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher***

Coville, Bruce

Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 148 Lexile: 710

Small for his age but artistically talented, twelve-year-old Jeremy Thatcher unknowingly buys a dragon's egg.



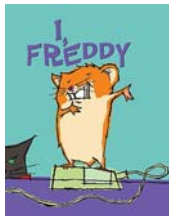
## ***Swindle***

Korman, Gordon

Call Letters: F Ko Pgs: 252 Lexile: 710

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palomino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, 6th grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the Smart Pick fruit picker.

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## ***I, Freddy***

Reiche, Dietlof

Call Letters: F Re Pgs: 201 Lexile: 710

Freddy, a remarkably intelligent golden hamster, learns how to read and how to write on a computer and escapes captivity to become an independent and civilized creature.

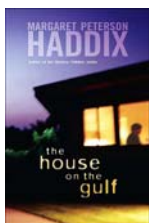


## ***Kensuke's Kingdom***

Morpurgo, Michael

Call Letters: F Mo Pgs: 164 Lexile: 730

When Michael is swept off his family's yacht, he washes up on a desert island, where he struggles to survive--until he finds he is not alone.



## ***House on the Gulf***

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 201 Lexile: 730

A sixteen-year-old boy arranges a housesitting job for the summer, but he starts acting strangely after his family moves in, and his sister begins to suspect they are not supposed to be there.

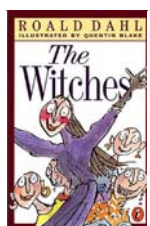


## ***The Anybodies***

Bode, N.E.

Call Letters: F Bo Pgs: 276 Lexile: 730

After learning that she is not the biological daughter of boring Mr. and Mrs. Drudger, Fern embarks on magical adventures with her real father and finally finds "a place that feels like home."



## ***Witches***

Dahl, Roald

Call Letters: F Da Pgs: 201 Lexile: 740

A young boy and his Norwegian grandmother, who is an expert on witches, together foil a witches' plot to destroy the world's children by turning them into mice.



## ***Comic Book Kid***

Osterweil, Adam

Call Letters: F Os Pgs: 151 Lexile: 740

When they are given an unusual comic book that allows them to travel in time, twelve-year-old Brian hopes that he and his friend will be able to replace his father's valuable Superman comic that Brian had ruined years before.

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## ***Big One-Oh***

Pitchford, Dean

Call Letters: F Pi Pgs: 181 Lexile: 750

Determined not to be weird all his life like his neighbor, Charley Maplewood decides to throw himself a 10th birthday party, complete with a "house of horrors" theme, but first he will have to make some friends to invite.



## ***Escaping the Giant Wave***

Kehret, Peg

Call Letters: F Ke Pgs: 151 Lexile: 750

When an earthquake creates a tsunami while 13-year-old Kyle is babysitting his sister during a family vacation at a Pacific Coast resort, he tries to save himself, his sister, and a boy who has bullied him for years.

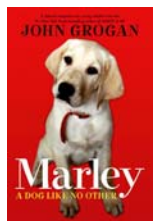


## ***Ghosthunters and the Incredibly Revolting Ghost***

Funke, Cornelia

Call Letters: F Fu Pgs: 135 Lexile: 760

A timid boy named Tom reluctantly agrees to help professional ghostbuster Hetty Hyslop dispel an IRG (Incredibly Revolting Ghost) from an old house.



## ***Marley: A Dog Like No Other***

Grogan, John

Call Letters: F Gr Pgs: 196 Lexile: 760

Those who know and love Marley understand that nothing can stop his loyalty, exuberance, and passion—not even the Grogans' screen door! How this big, rambunctious dog becomes the heart of the Grogan family is the story of Marley.



## ***Brainboy and Deathmaster***

Seidler, Tor

Call Letters: F Se Pgs: 311 Lexile: 770

When Darryl, a twelve-year-old orphan, is adopted by a technology genius, he finds himself the star of his very own life-threatening video game.



## ***Peter and the Starcatchers***

Barry, Dave

Call Letters: F Ba Pgs: 451 Lexile: 770

Peter, an orphan boy, and his friend Molly fight off thieves and pirates in order to keep the secret safe away from the diabolical Black Stache and his evil associate Mister Grin.

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## ***Janitor's Boy***

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 140 Lexile: 770

Fifth grader Jack finds himself the target of ridicule at school when it becomes known that his father is one of the janitors, and he turns his anger onto his father.



## ***Lost and Found***

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 161 Lexile: 780

Twin brothers Jay and Ray Grayson learn about friendship, honesty, and themselves after taking advantage of a clerical oversight in which their new school thinks there is only one Grayson boy.

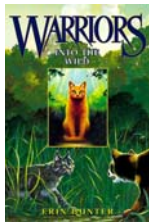


## ***Cover-Up***

Feinstein, John

Call Letters: F Fe Pgs: 298 Lexile: 780

Two teenagers learn that every player on a professional football team--which is supposed to play in the Super Bowl--has failed their drug test and the owner has covered up the results, and now they must find a way to prove it.

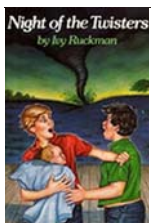


## ***Into the Wild (Book 1: The Warriors)***

Hunter, Erin

Call Letters: F Hu Pgs: 272 Lexile: 790

Rusty, a bored house kitten, is apprenticed by the ThunderClan and must struggle to fit in when the group of feral cats is threatened by the enemy ShadowClan.

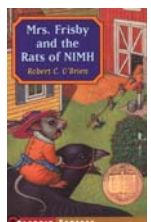


## ***Night of the Twisters***

Ruckman, Ivy

Call Letters: F Ru Pgs: 153 Lexile: 790

A fictional account of the night freakish and devastating tornadoes hit Grand Island, Nebraska, as experienced by a twelve-year-old, his family, and friends.



## ***Mrs. Frisby & the Rats of NIMH***

O'Brien, Robert

Call Letters: F Ob Pgs: 233 Lexile: 790

With nowhere else to turn, a field mouse asks the clever escaped lab rats living under the rosebush to help save her son, who lies in the path of the farmer's tractor, too ill to be moved.

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## ***Year With Butch & Spike***

Gauthier, Gail

Call Letters: F Ga Pgs: 216 Lexile: 790

Upon entering the sixth grade, straight-A student Jasper falls under the spell of the dreaded, irrepressible Cootch cousins.

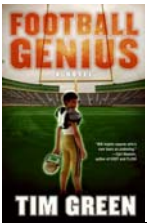


## ***Among the Hidden (Book 1: Shadow Children)***

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 153 Lexile: 800

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.



## ***Football Genius***

Green, Tim

Call Letters: F Gr Pgs: 244 Lexile: 800

Troy, a sixth-grader with an unusual gift for predicting football plays before they occur, attempts to use his ability to help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, but he must first prove himself to the coach and players.



## ***No Talking***

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 146 Lexile: 820

The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.



## ***Kenny and the Dragon***

DiTerlizzi, Tony

Call Letters: F Di Pgs: 151 Lexile: 820

Kenny Rabbit tries to save his friend, the dragon, after he is labeled a community nuisance by the simple people of Roundbrook village, who arrange for the creature to be fought by St. George.



## ***Mysterious Benedict Society***

Stewart, Trenton Lee

Call Letters: F St Pgs: 496 Lexile: 840

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

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## ***Room One: A Mystery or Two***

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 162 Lexile: 840

Ted Hammond, the only sixth grader in his small Nebraska town's one-room schoolhouse, searches for clues to the disappearance of a homeless family.

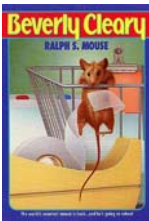


## ***Dial-a-Ghost***

Ibbotson, Eva

Call Letters: F Ib Pgs: 195 Lexile: 850

A family of nice ghosts protects a British orphan from the diabolical plans of his evil guardians.

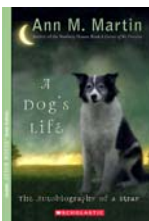


## ***Ralph S. Mouse***

Cleary, Beverly

Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 160 Lexile: 860

Presents the further adventures of a motorcycle-riding mouse who goes to school and becomes the instigator of an investigation of rodents and the peacemaker for two lonely boys.

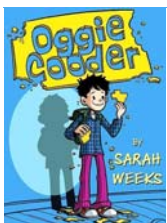


## ***Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray***

Martin, Ann M.

Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 182 Lexile: 870

Squirrel, a stray puppy, tells her life story, from her nurturing mother and brother to making her own way in the world, facing busy highways, changing seasons, and humans both gentle and brutal.



## ***Oggie Cooder***

Weeks, Sarah

Call Letters: F We Pgs: 176 Lexile: 880

Quirky 4th-grader Oggie Cooder goes from being shunned to everyone's best friend when his uncanny ability to chew slices of cheese into the shapes of states wins him a slot on a popular television talent show, but he soon learns the perils of being a celebrity - and having a neighbor girl as his manager.



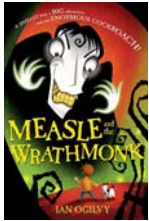
## ***Three Good Deeds***

Vande Velde, Vivian

Call Letters: F Va Pgs: 147 Lexile: 890

Caught stealing some goose eggs from a witch, Howard is cursed for his heartlessness and turned into a goose himself. He can only become human again by performing three good deeds.

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## ***Measle and the Wrathmonk (series)***

Ogilvy, Ian

Call Letters: F Og Pgs: 210 Lexile: 900

12-year-old orphan Measle Stubbs is shrunk down to half an inch tall and placed in a train set by his evil guardian, the Wrathmonk. But when Measle joins up with other victims, he becomes more than just a smelly little orphan. Suddenly he's a hero ... with a plan!



## ***Comeback Kids: Hot Hand (series)***

Lupica, Mike

Call Letters: F Lu Pgs: 165 Lexile: 930

In the wake of his parents' separation, 10-year-old Billy seems to have continual conflicts with his father, who is also his basketball coach, but his quiet, younger brother Ben, a piano prodigy, is having even more trouble adjusting, and only Billy seems to notice.

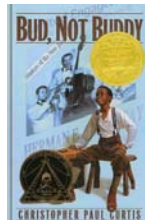


## ***Travel Team***

Lupica, Mike

Call Letters: F Lu Pgs: 274 Lexile: 930

After he is cut from his travel basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.



## ***Bud, Not Buddy***

Curtis, Christopher Paul

Call Letters: F Cu Pgs: 245 Lexile: 950

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.